ARMED FORCES RADIO AND TELEVISION SERVICE

"RADIO ACE"

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Mr. Ron Schiller
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New Jersey

Dear Mr. Schiller,

First and foremost my sincere apologies for the long, long delay in replying to your reception report. I recently received orders as the new station manager here at Radio ACE and it has taken me several months to become adjusted. Now, however, i'm comfortably settled and beginning to catch up with backlog workload. This reception report you sent to us I am to say is,or was in fact RADIO ACE. The program you heard was a transcribed program called "Quarter Century of Swing", and is hosted by a male announcer. The music you heard was featured on that particuler program. The march you had in mind was Stars and Stripes Forever. As a point of interest ACE only pushes 50 watts. However, it might interest you to know that we have received a reception report from as far away as Boston. Our signal is relayed up and down the island of Puerto Rico and is only intended for the military audience here, however, I would venture to say that we have somewhere in the neighborhood of 30 thousand continentels plus a whole host of puerto ricans listening at all or most of the time. We have far greater news facilities, greater sports coverage, and just about everything else you can think of that the commercial english speaking stations can afford to offer. I must ask that you keep that information strictly to yourself because, we do not in any way openly say or imply that we cut down on the commercial outlets audience. So please, just digest that information as notes of interest. From my engineer I get the following answer to your question about antenna. We use a 180 Allison Tower, shunt-fed tuning. I don't know if it means anything to you but, it sure doesn't to me. Only kidding! My engineer is a Puerto Rican and is extremely sharp. Very capable, but, communicating is another story. I am also a New Jersey Resident. 257 Lincoln Highway, Iselin, New Jersey. Have lived there all of my life. However, I expect to be managing the station here for a number of years. I sure hope that i've helped you somewhat. Better late than never, they say. If you are ever in Puerto Rico I am extending an open invitation to you to drop by and visit with us. We are located under world famous "El Morro Castle". Continued success to you.

Sincerely,

Mel Longfield

Mel Longfield
M/Sgt Station Manager
Radio ACE